

**INDOT 2030 Plan Update Consultation Meeting  
Columbus Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting (CAMPO) at  
Columbus City Hall  
Wednesday, June 2, 2004 9:00 AM**

**In Attendance:** Steve Ruble, MPO  
John DeLap, MPO  
Dan Hollander, MPO  
Thom Weintraut, MPO  
Steve Smith, INDOT Long Range Planning  
Dave Dye, INDOT Seymour District  
Larry Heil, FHWA  
Frank Baukert, INDOT Long Range Planning

Note: The Columbus MPO Long Range Plan is needed by June 2005

1. Review of MPO issues from handout.
2. Columbus MPO review of State Long Range Plan Projects.

\*There was a brief discussion of air quality issues. Johnson County which is part of the Indianapolis MPO was expecting to be listed as non-attainment. This would cover the town of Edinburgh which is part of the Columbus MPO. The two basic approaches to handling this situation would be for a), the Indy MPO with its experienced staff would handle the air quality conformity for Edinburgh with the Columbus MPO coordinating projects in Edinburgh with Indianapolis.; b). The Columbus MPO would handle conformity analysis. The drawback is that CAMPO is a new organization without the staff to conduct the analysis. The consensus opinion was that the first option appeared to be most practical. FHWA promised to follow-up on this issue.

**Projects Discussion:**

1. I-65 Added Travel Lanes projects: There was discussion of moving these projects up. The District wants to advance expansion projects on I-65 between Columbus and Indianapolis due to the higher than expected rate of traffic growth. As part of its Rural Interstate Program, INDOT has programmed a series of ATL projects which are intended to implement projects in the INDOT LRP. The planning staff is currently working with programming to coordinate these projects with the Long Range Plan.

**Comment:** *The planning section needs to coordinate Rural Interstate program projects with Long Range Plan Projects to ensure compatibility. Once this is done, then INDOT can explore options for expediting project development.*

2. SR-46 from SR-135 W. JCT. to .5 miles west of I-65, ATL Project (LRP#662, RFC: 2017, \$41 million, 2-4 lanes): The MPO is concerned about

development along this corridor. The district is developing a series of intersection improvements which should take care of short-term needs. The consensus is that the Added Lanes project currently in the plan should meet the future needs of the corridor, but that it was important that a corridor study to support this project be placed in the system to ensure timely development of the planned improvements.

**Comment:** *The SR-46 corridor needs to be added to the list of proposed studies.*

3. SR-11 Reconstruction (LRP#37/Des#0014670, RFC: 2005): The engineer's scoping report is due out on this project. It is expected that the report will recommend expanding SR-11 to 3 lanes, and maybe 4 lanes. This section runs through Garden City which has problems with LOS, and accidents. The road has poor visibility, vertical alignments, and access control.

**Comment:** *The Scoping Report needs to be reviewed and changes made to the planned project to match the report's recommendations.*

4. SR-46 from State St. to Marr Rd., Median Const. (LRP#22/Des#9902930, RFC: 2007, \$4 million,): Columbus is interested in a public hearing on this project.

**Comment:** *The project schedule needs to be checked to see if future hearings are planned, if not, pass a request to the hearings section and project manager.)*

5. SR-7 from SR-3 to US-31, Added Lanes(LRP#474, RFC: 2019, \$37 million): This project is outside the MPO's current thoroughfare plan. There is a reconstruction project (Des#0014810, RFC: 2008, \$46 million) currently scheduled for this road. The engineer's scoping report is due out soon.

**Comment:** *The scoping report needs to be reviewed and planning support developed for this project. Some adjustments might have to be made to either project to ensure efficient use of resources.*

6. SR-46 in Columbus: There was concern expressed that SR-46 inside of Columbus might need additional capacity.

**Comment:** *This corridor needs additional study to identify future needs.*

7. US-31 in Columbus, Added Lanes(LRP#6/Des#9700230, RFC:2004, \$22 million: It was noted that the cost of this project decreased to \$19 million and the Ready for Contracts Date was pushed back to 2006.

**Comment:** *The project listing in the state plan needs to be updated to reflect changes in the scheduling system.*

### **Review of Columbus Thoroughfare Plan Projects:**

1. I-65 and SR-58 interchange: The plan calls for improvements to the interchange. There was also interest in exploring the feasibility of extending SR-58 east to US-31, and maybe on to SR-7.

**Comment:** *The interchange is covered under the current INDOT Interchange study. A review of the study recommendations needs to be done. A NEPA/Corridor study would be required to develop the potential SR-58 extension.*

2. SR-11 from SR-46 to CR200S:

**Comment:** *This project is already programmed.*

3. SR-46 from McKinley to Marr:

**Comment:** *From Mapleton to Marr is programmed.*

4. SR-11 from CR200S to CR450S:

**Comment:** *A resurfacing is programmed as well as an intersection improvement at CR450 South.*

5. I-65 at Lowell Rd.:

**Comment:** *The interchange is covered under the current INDOT Interchange study. A review of the study recommendations needs to be done.*

6. SR-46 from Marr Rd to US-31: This is a potential new added travel lanes project. There is also a programmed road reconstruction project to upgrade CR200S between SR-7 and US-31 as part of the SR-46 relocation.

**Comment:** *The proposed added lanes project needs more study to establish the need for it. The CR200 South reconstruction needs to be reviewed for addition to the State Long Range Plan.*